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HARD DISK ⟷ CPU ⟷ SYSTEM ROM

IA-64 FIRMWARE

16 — BIOS

15 — EXTENSIBLE FIRMWARE INTERFACE

17 — EFI DRIVER

16a — UNUSED SPACE FOR DIAGNOSTIC DRIVE

Fig. 1

Fig. 2

SYSTEM ROM

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IA-64 FIRMWARE — 16

SPACE AVALIABLE FOR DIAGNOSTIC PROGRAMS — 16a

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⟷ "FLASH AS A DIAGNOSTIC DRIVE" EFI DRIVER

DIAGNOSTIC DRIVE FILES

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Directory of fs0:/
12/04/99    12:05a              26,788            MP.ERR
10/18/99    02:46p             123,928            pci_diump.efi
11/09/99    10:52a              16,242            SST_TEST.OUT
 1/26/96    02:28p              10,007            PCISCAN.EXE
11/09/99    10:45a             108,097            sst_test.efi
10/27/99    01:34p  <DIR>        8,192            efi
 7/16/99    07:17a              32,305            IMP_MPT.EXE
11/30/99    03:16p             127,028            ap_test.efi
12/08/99    01:46p             130,101            mcatest.efi

                 20 files      582,678 bytes
                  1 Dirs         8,192 bytes
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Fig. 3

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MODIFY A COMMAND SHELL OF THE EXTENSIBLE FIRMWARE INTERFACE
TO INCLUDE AN EXTENSIBLE FIRMWARE INTERFACE (EFI) DRIVER THAT
OPERATES TO CONFIGURE AVAILABLE FLASH ROM SPACE NORMALLY
RESERVED FOR FIRMWARE AS A DIAGNOSTIC DISK DRIVE — 21

CONFIGURE THE EFI DRIVER TO INCLUDE DATA COMPRESSION AND
DECOMPRESSION ROUTINES TO INCREASE THE QUANTITY OF DATA
THAT MAY BE STORED IN THE CONFIGRED DISK DRIVE SPACE , OR
ENCRYPTION ROUTINES FOR SECURITY PURPOSES — 29

STORE THE MODIFIED EXTENSIBLE FIRMWARE INTERFACE
AND THE EFI DRIVER IN THE READ-ONLY-MEMORY — 22

WHEN THE COMPUTER SYSTEM IS INITIALIZED, USE THE EFI DRIVER TO
CONFIGURE THE AVAILABLE SPACE IN THE FLASH MEMORY THAT IS NOT
ALLOCATED TO THE FIRMWARE AS THE DIAGNOSTIC DISK DRIVE — 23

LOAD DIAGNOSTIC PROGRAMS IN THE
NEWLY-CONFIGURED DIAGNOSTIC DISK DRIVE — 24

SELECTIVELY RUN THE STORED DIAGNOSTIC PROGRAMS AND
DISPLAYING THE DIAGNOSTIC PROGRAMS USING AN EVENT VIEWER — 25

IF THE COMPUTER SYSTEM FAILS TO BOOT ITS OPERATING
SYSTEM DUE TO A PROBLEM WITH THE HARD DISK DRIVE, BOOT
THE COMPUTER SYSTEM TO THE EFI COMMAND SHELL — 26

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THE DIAGNOSTIC DRIVE TO FIND THE ERROR AND CORRECTS IT — 27

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THE OPERATING SYSTEM FROM THE HARD DISK DRIVE — 28

STORE POWER ON SELF TEST (POST) ERROR LOGS IN FILES ON THE
DIAGNOSTIC DISK DRIVE THAT MAY BE READ BY THE OPERATING
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